



Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust Update for the June 2026 PAN Forum

The Eastern Academic Scholars' Trust (EAST) is the collaborative effort of nearly 200 academic and research libraries to document, protect, and provide long-term access to their print collections.

Membership Updates

We were saddened by the announcement of the closure of Hampshire College, one of EAST's founding members and part of the Five Colleges consortium. We are in contact with their director and OCLC as to next steps with the collection.

Retention Renewal Date

EAST is currently five years out from our retention renewal date. In preparation, a survey was distributed to gauge how members are feeling about renewing their retentions in 2031. To date over 100 responses have been received, and we were pleased to find that 84% currently plan to renew all, most, or some of their EAST retention commitments, with the majority of the remaining respondents saying they don't know yet. Themes in the survey responses included issues with physical condition of material, outdated materials, and relevance to current curricula. As next steps, the Program Team will be meeting with libraries individually to learn more about their specific needs and concerns, which will inform the work of the new Retention Renewals Working Group which began meeting this month.

Data Sharing Policy

As EAST considers new partnerships with external organizations, the success of these partnerships may depend on the ability to share bibliographic data about the EAST collective collection. A Data Sharing Policy was recently approved by the EAST Board of Directors which defines ways in which EAST will share bibliographic data collected from member libraries with potential external partners. The approved Data Sharing Policy is posted on the [EAST website](#).

Collection Analysis Service Using Gold Rush

EAST members maintain a database of current retentions in the [Colorado Alliance's Gold Rush Library Content Comparison System](#). EAST is now offering a collection analysis service to members which compares uploaded MARC records to existing EAST retentions. This service is in alignment with the [EAST Strategic Framework](#) pillar of strengthening member collection building strategies and enhancing the value of membership. Members interested in this service should consult the [limitations and FAQ](#).

Resource Sharing Directory

The [EAST Resource Sharing Directory](#) is now in a 'soft launch' phase. A message was sent to the EAST Resource Sharing email list encouraging members to update their information, which is also partially populated via the Ex Libris Alma Resource Sharing Directory API.

Serials and Journals Updates

The EAST Serials and Journals Working Group has recently approved a retention model for our latest round of commitments which focuses on scarcely held non-digitized material. For the first time EAST is planning on retaining fewer copies of titles available from the HathiTrust .

Hold the Date - EAST annual member meeting

The EAST annual member meeting will be held on Wednesday October 21, 2026, 9:30-Noon Eastern. All are welcome ([registration](#)).